

	Policy & Procedures	POLICY NUMBER: 401
	Subject: Senior Swimming Athlete Scholarship Awards	EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/04 REVISED: 05/20/2015

A. Annual Athlete Scholarship Award

1. Annually Senior Swimming shall award up to two (2) scholarships of \$2,000 each to qualifying Arizona athletes. Funding for this program is provided by AzSI Senior Swimming. Such awards are subject to rules and limitations stated below.

B. Eligibility Rules, Regulations and Selection Process

1. Applicants for the scholarships must be
 - a. graduating high school seniors who are currently year round athlete members of AZSI and have been members of AZSI for a minimum of three out of the last four registrations years, and
 - b. are not participating in college swimming at the NCAA I or NCAA II level.
2. The selection of the recipients will be based on an essay submitted with the application.
3. The Selection Committee will be comprised of three individuals including the General Chair (or their designee), and two other appointed individuals.
4. Applications and essays must be timely submitted to the AzSI Office which will administer the selection process.
5. The AzSI Office will forward the essays to the committee in such a manner that the identity of the authors of the essays remain unknown to the Selection Committee.
6. Each member of the Selection Committee shall read and rank the essays in order of preference. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). Rankings for each essay will be summed with the lowest two totals being the recipients.
7. The topic for the essays and the time frame for submission of entries will be posted annually each January on the AZSI web site along with instructions. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.
8. The award of up to two scholarships shall be solely based upon the opinion of the Selection Committee. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. Should the Selection Committee determine that there are less than two qualified applicants, then at their sole discretion, less than two, including zero, scholarships may be awarded.

Award of Scholarships, Athlete Responsibility

1. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Spring House of Delegates Meeting.
2. The scholarship is not actually awarded until the recipient(s) show proof of registration at any post-secondary institution.

3. Scholarship will be sent directly to the financial aid department of the educational institution to be credited to the recipient's account. The institution will be instructed to divide the amount equally among the number of semesters or quarters in it's the recipient's first academic year.
- 4 The Recipients are responsible for supplying appropriate tax information and filing and paying appropriate taxes with the IRS, if any.

UPDATES

<u>Dates</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Basic Abstract</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Control #</u>
12/01/2004	HOD	All new policy	All	
12/01/2006	HOD	add athlete responsibility	C et al	
04/13/2014	HOD	change number and amount	A.	14-9
05/27/2015	Office	discrimination update	B.7 & 8	15-016